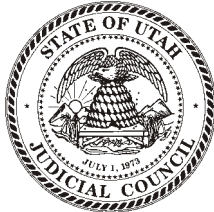


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CHIEF JUSTICE CHRISTINE M. DURHAM TO SERVE SECOND TERM

Salt Lake City, UT—The Utah Supreme Court announced today that Christine M. Durham will serve as Chief Justice for a second, four-year term effective April 1, 2006. As the Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court, Durham also serves as chair of the Utah Judicial Council, which directs the activities of the Utah State Courts.

The Honorable Christine Durham began her first term as Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court in April 2002. She was appointed to the Supreme Court in Feb. 1982 by Gov. Scott M. Matheson, after serving on the Third District Court bench since 1978. After receiving her law degree from Duke University, Chief Justice Durham practiced law in Durham, North Carolina and was an instructor of Legal Medicine at Duke University Medical School. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Chief Justice Durham was a partner in the law firm of Johnson, Durham & Moxley.

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Chief Justice Durham has taught at Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark School of Law and the University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law. She is a trustee of Duke University and the Council of the American Law Institute, as well as past president of the National Association of Women Judges and a former member of the Federal Judicial Conference's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure.

Chief Justice Durham's work for Utah's courts includes serving on the Governor's Task Force that recommended legislation to implement the 1985 amendments to the Judicial Article of the Utah Constitution, the Commission on Justice in the 21st Century, the Committee on Improving Jury Service, and the Utah Judicial Branch Education Committee. She leads the Education for Justice Project, which is a partnership between public education, the judicial branch, and the legal profession to improve education about the justice system in Utah's public schools, and is a member of the Utah Constitutional Revision Commission.

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